(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the charges levelled against the General Secretary of the Staff Union of MTNL and whether these charges have been investigated or are being investigated; and

(e) by when each matter would be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The case is under investigation by the CBI and their report is awaited

(d) The details of charges levelled against the General Secretary of MTNL, Staff Union are:-

(i) Connivance in purchase of poor quality uniform cloth at exorbitant rates thus causing loss to MTNL (FIR No. DAI-2001 -A-0070DLI).

(ii) Possessing assets disproportionate to known source of income (FIR No. DAI-2001-A-0073).

(e) Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken on completion of the investigation by CBI.

Mobile and WLL services in NER

1207. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the implementation status of the introduction of BSNL's mobile and WLL services in the North Eastern Region showing the proposed locations, target date for phase-wise implementation and progress made so far;

(b) whether Government are aware that the quality of service by Reliance Mobile in Guwahati is poor and if so, by when it is likely to be improved by capacity enhancement; and

(c) location-wise installed capacity of WLL service in Assam showing number of connections already provided and proposed for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Distribution of mobile phones in NER

1208. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile phones Government have decided to distribute in each State of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the basis on which this number of mobile phones has been fixed;

(c) by when the programme of distribution of mobile phones would be executed;

(d) what is the suggestion of the State Government on the number of mobile phones; and

(e) how the suggestion of the State Government is taken to account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Sir, for Cellular Mobile Telephone Services (CMTS), Assam and North East Telecom Circle Service Areas cover the North Eastern Region. Licences for providing CMTS in these two Service Areas have been granted to Indian companies including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) (a Public Sector Undertaking). In terms of number of CMTS connection, notarget has been fixed by the Government for the CMTS Licensees in any of the Service Areas, including for North-Eastern States. However, BSNL have planned for providing a total of 95350 CMTS connections in these two Service Areas, as per the details given in the Statement. *{See* below). BSNL have made the plans based on coverage of District Headquarters, important